

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application Of:	)	Atty. Docket No.: WMS-022
	)	
Anderson et al.	)	Examiner: Not Assigned
	)	
Application No.: Not Assigned	)	Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
	)	
Filed: September 10, 2003	)	
	)	
For: GAMING MACHINE WITH	)	
AUDIO SYNCHRONIZATION	)	
FEATURE	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

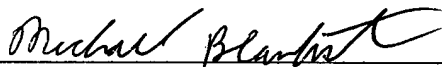
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered, and the references listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to receipt of a first Office Action reflecting an examination on the merits and, hence, is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fee be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502596 (WMS-022). A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/10/03

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Blankstein  
Reg. No. 37,097  
WMS Gaming Inc.  
Chicago, IL 60618  
3401 N. California Ave.  
(773) 961-1480  
Attorney for Applicants

Form PTO-1449 (modified)	Atty. Docket No. WMS-022	Serial No. Unassigned
List of Patents and Publications for Applicant's <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>	Applicant Anderson et al.	
Page 1 of 1	Filing Date: September 10, 2003	Group: Unassigned

U.S. Patent Documents							
Exam. Init.	Ref. Des.	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date if App.
	A01	5,472,197	12/05/1995	Gwiasda et al.	273	143 R	07/18/1994
	A02	6,302,790 B1	10/16/2001	Brossard	463	20	10/05/1998
	A03	6,561,908 B1	05/13/2003	Hoke	463	35	10/13/2000
	A04	2003/0119575 A1	06/26/2003	Centuori et al.	463	20	12/21/2001

Foreign Patent Documents							
Exam. Init.	Ref. Des.	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes/No
	B01						
	B02						

Other Art (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
Exam. Init.	Ref. Des.	Citation
	C01	
	C02	
	C03	

<b>EXAMINER:</b>	<b>DATE CONSIDERED:</b>
EXAMINER: INITIAL IF REFERENCE CONSIDERED, WHETHER OR NOT CITATION IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH MPEP609; DRAW LINE THROUGH CITATION IF NOT IN CONFORMANCE AND NOT CONSIDERED. INCLUDE COPY OF THIS FORM WITH NEXT COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANT.	